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To: Mr.
Lieutenant Jack Devill
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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (1)
Johnny O'Dell, was

Sir:

The following information was received from Detective P.H. Marks, Administrative and Criminal Investigations Section, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department.

Marks states that he received information that JOSEPH O'DELL, an employee of the Lone Star Mill & Lumber Company, 660 N. Alameda Road, Irving, Texas, phone AL 3-5111, made a statement to his fellow employees approximately four days prior to President Kennedy's visit to Dallas that someone should "take a bullet between Kennedy's eyes."

Approximately one week prior to Kennedy's arrival, O'Dell made the remark that his shoulder was sore, that he and some guys had been practicing with a rifle, indicating they had been practicing to shoot President Kennedy.

Upon receiving news that Kennedy had been assassinated, O'Dell said to his fellow employees that "you knew that I didn't do anything", "I couldn't do anything like that, I was just kidding".

Respectfully submitted,
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